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In re Patent Application of:
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FORMULATIONS HAVING EXTENDED
DURATION OF EFFECT

Examiner: Eric E. SILVERMAN

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 9, 2007 and in accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying Remarks. A Petition for Extension of Time is submitted with this response, requesting that the time period for response be extended for a period of **three (3) months** (*i.e.*, from **October 9, 2007** up to and including **January 9, 2008**) and accompanied by the estimated Extension Fee. It is believed that no additional fees are required. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any additional fee is required (including any deficiency in the above-mentioned fee) or that any refund is owed for this application, then Applicants hereby authorize and request that the Commissioner charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to Deposit Account No. 04-0100 of Applicants' undersigned attorneys/agents.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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